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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION**

Applicant : LOUVEL Pascal Claude Michel et al.  
Appl.No. : 09/402,564  
Filed : January 27, 2000  
Title : MULTIPARTICULATE PHARMACEUTICAL FORM,  
PARTICLES CONSTITUTING IT, METHOD AND PLANT  
FOR MAKING SAME.  
  
Confirmation No. : 6103  
  
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Docket No. : P1047/20008  
Customer No. : 03000

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

**In the claims :**

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice, and substitute therefor the following new claim 9, a clean version of that claim being provided herewith as Attachment A. Claim 8 is also reproduced on Attachment A.

9. In a method of making particles, in particular spheroids intended to be used for preparing tablets, said particles which include an active substance having a constant

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